

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG # 68-4-74 Building Date: c. 1923

Building Name: Kastler-Kline Bungalow

Location: 6407 45th Place, Riverdale, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The house at 6407 45th Place (Block 3, south 60' of Lots 1,2,3, Riverdale Park) is a one-and-one-half story, 3-by-3 bay, frame, craftsman-style bungalow. The main facade faces west and the house has a square plan and rests on a poured concrete foundation. The side-gable roof, which has extended eaves and exposed brackets, is covered with light grey asphalt shingles. A wide, shed-roof dormer has been added to expand the attic story to the east (rear). Yellow vinyl siding covers original narrow horizontal board underneath. Windows throughout are original, craftsman-style, 6/1 double-hung wood sash, except for those of the rear attic dormer. The interior of the house is simply detailed with craftsman-style oak floors and baseboards and door and window surrounds that are stained. A simply detailed, single-car, frame garage is located at the southeast corner of the lot.

Significance

The frame bungalow at 6407 45th Place is an excellent example of the type of modest craftsman-inspired dwellings erected in Riverdale and other Washington area railroad and streetcar suburbs throughout the early 20th century. Although the exterior of the house has been altered, the house retains a high degree of architectural integrity. It exhibits the irregular massing, multi-pane windows and the assortment of building materials and surface textures typically found in craftsman-style houses. The simply detailed interior of the house is also essentially intact. Land record research indicates that the south 60' feet of Lots 1,2 and 3 in Block 3 of Riverdale Park was sold by the Riverdale Park Company in March 1922 to Ernest L. and Ethel B. Kastler. The Kastlers built the craftsman-style bungalow for themselves soon after purchasing the land. Suburban directories indicate that by 1923, the Kastlers were living on 45th Place and that Mr. Kastler was an income tax auditor and that Mrs. Kastler was a typist at the Veteran's Bureau. The Kastlers retained ownership of the property until June 1924, it was sold to Bert L. and Leo Robinson. The property remained within the Robinson family until it was purchased by the present owners, Robert M. and Joy J. Kline, in November 1960.

Acreage: 7,200 sq. ft.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Kastler-Kline Bungalow

2. Location

street & number 6407 45th Place ☐ not for publicationcity, town Riverdale ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert M. and Joy J. Kline

street & number 6407 45th Place telephone no.:

city, town Riverdale state and zip code Maryland 20737

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2506

street & number Main Street folio 599

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title NONE

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

EXTERIOR

6407 45th Place (Block 3, south 60' of Lots 1,2,3, Riverdale Park) is a one and one-half story, 3-by-3 bay, frame, "craftsman-style" bungalow. The house has a square plan and rests on a poured concrete foundation. The side-gable roof, which has extended eaves and exposed brackets, is covered with light grey asphalt shingles. A wide, shed-roof dormer has been added to expand the attic story to the east (rear). Yellow vinyl siding covers original narrow horizontal board underneath. Windows throughout the house are original, craftsman-style, 6/1 double-hung wood sash, unless otherwise noted.

The house's main facade is oriented to the west and largely covered by a prominent front-gable porch that also shelters the west end of the house's north elevation. The porch pediment is covered with green asphalt shingles that appear to be old, and possibly original. The porch is supported by short, Doric-style, wooden columns resting on high square stucco bases with an exposed aggregate finish. The porch is encircled by a simple railing with closely spaced square spindles. The house's main entry, a paneled, six-light craftsman door, is centered on the facade. Flanking the entry are single 6/1 windows. Roughly above the entry door, a small front-gable dormer with vertical-pane casements, lights the west side of the attic story.

At the west end of the house's north elevation, a paneled six-light craftsman door leads to the front porch. The center bay of the elevation contains a small 6/1 double-hung window and there is a larger version of the same window in the eastern bay. A large 6/1 window is centered in the attic gable, and to the east of that is a small four-pane casement window.

The east (rear) elevation contains a 6/1 window in its north bay and a shallow, partially enclosed shed roof porch to the south. Within the slope of the roof there is a wide, shed-roof dormer sheathed with aluminum siding. The dormer is fenestrated with two pairs of closely spaced aluminum-clad, 1/1 sliding windows.

The south elevation is composed of three irregular bays. The eastern bay contains a single 1/1 window. Roughly centered on the elevation is a shallow, projecting bay with a rectangular plan and a shed roof with exposed rafter ends. The south wall of the bay contains two closely spaced 6/1 windows. The elevation's westernmost bay is composed of a shallow brick chimney (rising through the wide eave and above the western slope of the roof) flanked by small multi-pane fixed sidelights at the shoulders of the chimney.

INTERIOR

The interior of the house is simply detailed with craftsman-style oak floor moldings and door and window surrounds that are stained. The original hardwood floors are covered with carpeting throughout the house. The southern half of the house contains a living room and dining room, joined by a large square-arch opening. The south wall of the living room contains a simple brick mantel flanked by multi-pane sidelights and the south wall of the dining room is lighted by the windows of the shallow projecting bay. East of the dining room, in the southeast corner of the house, is a small kitchen with doors to the rear porch, the small pantry sheltered by the porch roof and the basement.

The north half of the first floor contains a small sitting room, a bedroom, bathroom and the enclosed stair to the attic story. The small sitting room, in the northwest corner of the house, is an extension of the living room. In the north wall of the room a craftsman-style door leads to the front porch. In the north wall of the living room a paneled door leads to the small hallway that serves the first story bedroom and bath. This door is surmounted by a vertically louvered transom designed to aid the flow of heat from a floor grate originally located in the hall (now covered with carpeting). From the small hallway there is access to the bathroom and the small bedroom in the northeast corner of the floor.

Roughly in the center of the house is an enclosed stair leading to the attic story. The stairs rise to the east, and the upstairs landing, originally within a small front-gable dormer, is now centered in the shed-roof dormer that extends across the east (rear) slope of the roof. The attic contains three bedrooms. Two of the rooms, located to the northeast and southeast, are small and narrow; these rooms are lighted by both original double-hung sash and the modern aluminum sliders of the dormer. The largest of the three bedrooms is in the northwest corner of the attic and contains a walk-in closet and a small half bath. The attic story contains little decorative detail; window and door surrounds are extremely simply and they are painted.

Note

1. According to the owner, the craftsman-style brackets were added to the house when it was recently sided.

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GARAGE

A simply detailed single-car, frame garage is located at the southeast corner of the lot. The small, front gable building appears to be original to the site. The garage is sheathed with narrow horizontal boards painted yellow and has a four-light, paneled overhead door that does not appear to be original.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1923

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The frame bungalow at 6407 45th Place is an excellent example of the type of modest craftsman-inspired dwellings erected in Riverdale and other Washington area railroad and streetcar suburbs throughout the early 20th century. Although the exterior of the house has been altered with vinyl siding and a shed dormer in the rear slope of the roof, the house retains a high degree of architectural integrity. The irregular massing, multi-pane windows and the assortment of building materials and surface textures typically found in craftsman-style houses are evident. The simply detailed interior of the house is also essentially intact.

The land on which Riverdale Park was built had been part of the Riversdale Plantation established in 1801 when Henri Joseph Stier, a Belgian aristocrat, purchased 800 acres north of Bladensburg, and began to develop a plantation. After Stier's return to Belgium in 1803, completion of the Riversdale mansion and management of the plantation were taken over by his daughter Rosalie and her husband George Calvert. The Riversdale Plantation became a model of its type, and remained within the Calvert family for three generations.¹ After the death in 1864 of Charles Benedict Calvert (son of Rosalie and George Calvert), a commission was appointed to divide the plantation among his heirs and a 300-acre dower lot (as well as the 175-acre lot adjoining it to the north) was sold by Calvert heirs in 1887 to John Fox, president of the Riverdale Park Company, a New York real estate syndicate which then began to develop the suburb of Riverdale Park.²

The land was platted in 1889 by surveyor D. J. Howell. Streets were laid out in a grid pattern, straddling the Washington line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which ran north and south through the new community and offered residents easy commuting into the Federal City to the southwest. Park spaces, and circles of green were provided in the plan and parkland was reserved around the Calvert mansion which was to be preserved "as a sacred relic of an era replete with historic memories."³ Streets were named for the Presidents of the United States, Washington through McKinley, as well as for other distinguished statesman such as Clay, Lafayette and Beale.⁴

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Construction of dwellings began in the early 1890s. All were of frame construction, and reflected the popular tastes of the period, as illustrated in house catalogs of those years. Some were pyramidal-roof Foursquares, other front-gabled or cross-gabled; many were highlighted by projecting bays or corner towers, and almost all had prominent wraparound porches with jigsaw decorative details. By the turn of century, the new suburb had approximately 60 dwellings, a Presbyterian church, a handsome Victorian schoolhouse and a railroad station; the latter two public buildings were built by the Riverdale Park Company. There were two general stores, and telephone and telegraph communications were available. Concrete sidewalks were constructed, and sewers were provided for the principal streets.⁵ Because of its convenient location, its efficient line of transportation into the City, its primary school, and its picturesque, tree-lined streets, Riverdale Park became one of the most desirable residential suburbs in the Washington area.

By the end of World War I, the character and location of development in Riverdale had begun to change. Development began to spread out in all directions beyond the nodes of early settlement around the Riversdale mansion and the nearby railroad station. New areas of settlement included the former floodplain at the northern and eastern edges of Riverdale Park as well as the low-lying areas immediately south of the mansion. Instead of the two-story frame front-gable and cross-gable houses popular at the turn of the century, the favored house forms became the one-story, craftsman-inspired bungalow as well as the small revival style cottage. Houses exhibiting these newly favored stylistic elements were erected in Riverdale until the eve of World War II.

Land record research indicates that the south 60' feet of Lots 1,2 and 3 in Block 3 of Riverdale Park was sold by the Riverdale Park Company in March 1922 to Ernest L. and Ethel B. Kastler.⁶ The Kastlers built the craftsman-style bungalow for themselves soon after purchasing the land. Suburban Directories indicate that by 1923, the Kastlers were living on 45th Place (then known as Beale Avenue) near its intersection with Tuckerman Street (then known as Monroe Avenue). The directory indicates that Mr. Kastler was an income tax auditor and that Mrs. Kastler was a typist at the Veteran's Bureau.⁷ The Kastlers did not retain ownership of the property at 6407 45th Place for very long and in June 1924 sold it to Bert L. and Leo Robinson. The property remained within the Robinson family until it was purchased by the present owners, Robert M. and Joy J. Kline, in November 1960.⁸

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NOTES

1. See Pearl, S.G., Riversdale, Historic Structures Report, Part II, History: M-NCPPC, 1979.
2. Prince George's County Land Records, JWB8:426, 520; JWB12:484; JWB13:614.
3. Riverdale Park Real Estate promotional brochure, c.1904.
4. Prince George's County Subdivision Plats, JWB5:747; Riverdale Park Real Estate promotional brochure.
5. Riverdale Park Real Estate promotional brochure; see also Pearl S.G., Victorian Pattern Book Houses in Prince George's county, Maryland, M-NCPPC, 1988.
6. See Prince George's County Land Records, 179:62.
7. See Nelson's Washington Suburban Directory of Maryland and Virginia Towns Adjacent to the District of Columbia, 1923, p.231.
8. See Prince George's County Land Records, 218:105 and 2506:599.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, Section #8

10. Geographical Data


Acreage of nominated property south 60' Lots 1,2,3, Block 3, Riverdale Park

Quadrangle name Washington East


Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Howard S. Berger, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC date June 1991

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone (301) 952-3520

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House

CHAIN OF TITLE

6407 45th Place

2506:599
4 November 1960
Deed

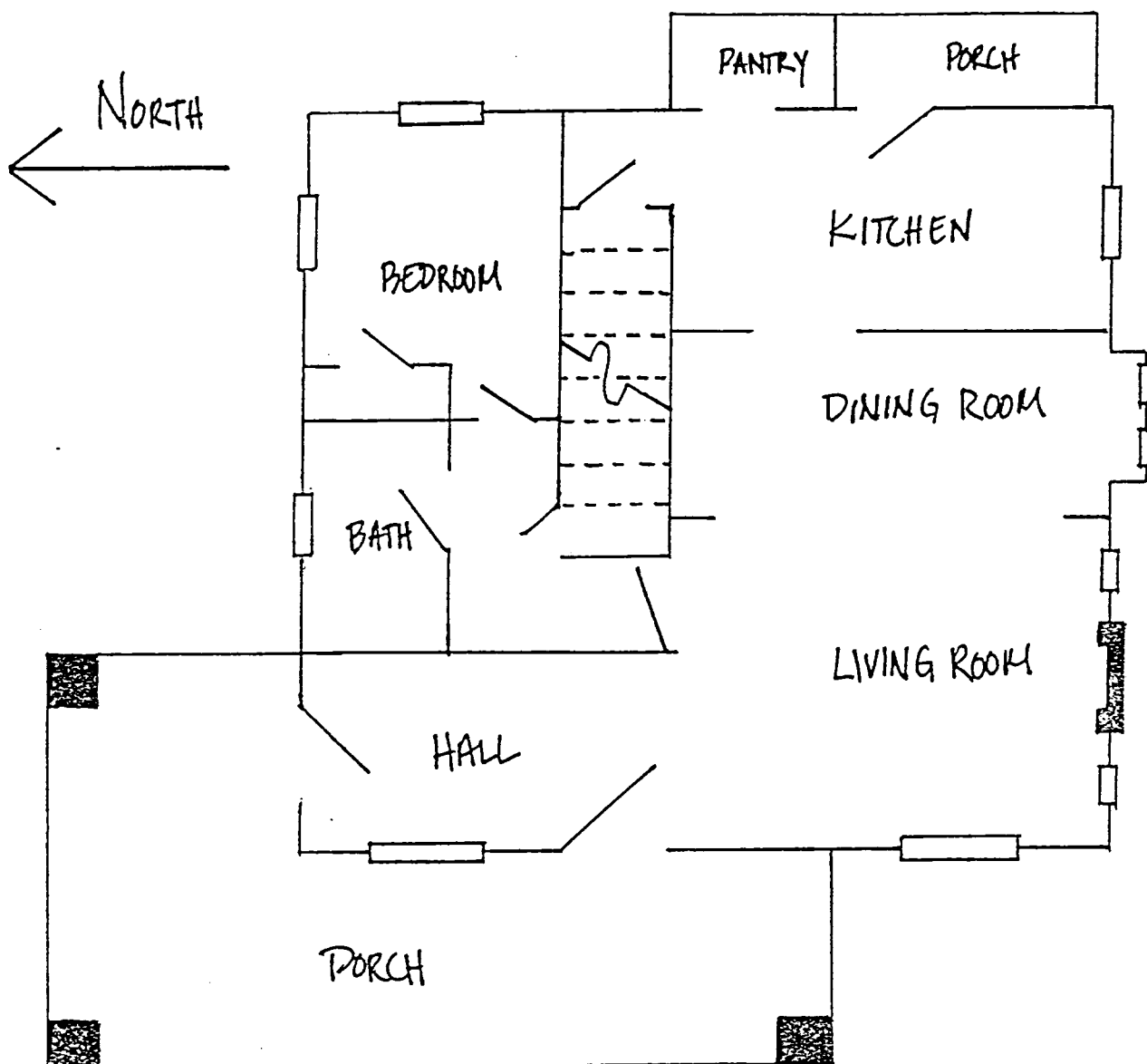
Philip Conger Rachford, heir at law, Leo R. Robison (Leo Robinson) and Sarah W. Rachford to Robert M. and Joy J. Kline. Grantors convey south 60 feet of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 3, Riverdale Park. Plat recorded JWB 5:688 or A:39. Same obtained from Ernest L. and Ethel B. Kastler, 4 June 1924, 218:105.

218:105
4 June 1924
Deed

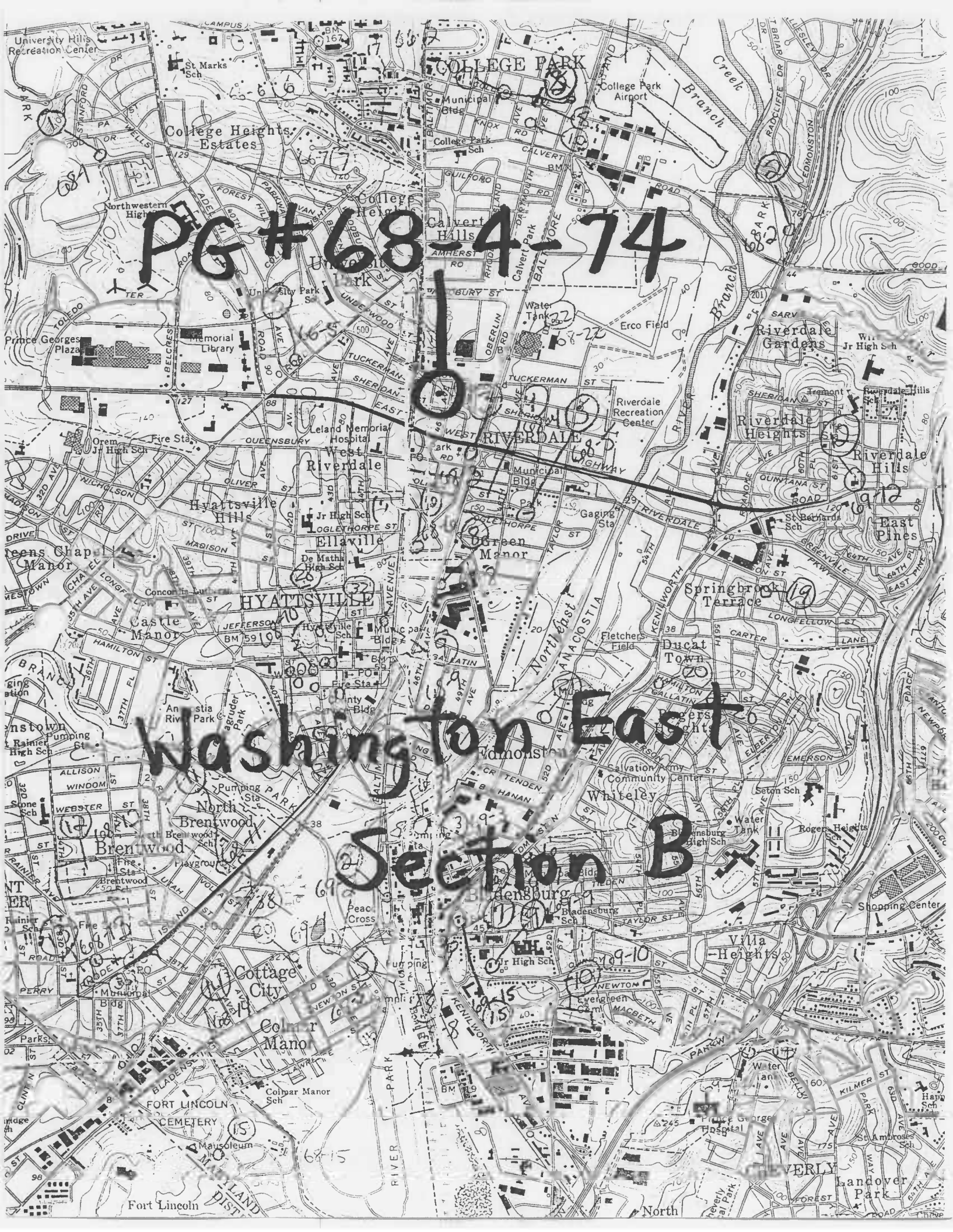
Ernest L. and Ethel B. Kastler to Bert L. Robinson and Leo Robinson. Grantors convey south 60 feet of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 3. Same obtained from Riverdale Park Company, 29 March 1922, 179:62.

179:62
29 March 1922
Deed

Riverdale Park Company to Ernest L. and Ethel B. Kastler. Grantors conveys south 60' of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 3 of grantor's subdivision of Riverdale Park. To clear title, this deed is made.



6407 45TH PLACE
 RIVERDALE
 NOVEMBER 1990
 NOT TO SCALE



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Washington East

Section B



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6407 45TH PLACE

RIVERDALE

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND

HOWARD S. BERGER

AUGUST 1990

FROM NW

NEG: MHT, ANNAPOLIS

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KASTREX-KLINE BUNGALOW
607 45TH PLACE

RIVERDALE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

HOWARD S. PERLER

OCTOBER 1990

FROM W

NEG: MHI, ANNAPOLIS

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KASLER-KLINE BUNGALOW

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6407 45th PLACE

RIVERDALE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

HOWARD S. BERGER

AUGUST 1990

FROM SW

NEG: MHT, ANNAPOLIS

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KASTLER-KLINE BUNGALOW

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6407 45th PLACE

RIVERDALE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

HOWARD S. BERGER

OCTOBER 1990

FROM SE

NEG: MHT, ANNAPOLIS

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KASTLER-KLINE BUNGALOW

6407 45th PLACE

RIVERDALE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

HONARD S. BERGER

OCTOBER 1990

GARAGE FROM W

NEG: MHT, ANNAPOLIS

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HASTLER-KLINE BUNGALOW

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6407 45th PLACE

RIVERDALE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

HOWARD S. BERGER

NOVEMBER 1990

INTERIOR DETAIL LIVING ROOM / DINING ROOM

FROM W

NEG: WH7, ANNAPOLIS

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KASTER-KLINE PONGACOW

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6407 45th PLACE

RIVERDALE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

HOWARD S. BERGER

November 1990

INTERIOR DETAIL: HALL DOOR + VENTILATOR TRANSOM

FROM S

NEG: MHT, ANNAPOLIS

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KASTLER - KLINE BUNGALOW

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6407 45th PLACE

RIVERDALE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

HOWARD S. BERGER

NOVEMBER 1990

INTERIOR DETAIL: ENTRY DOOR

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NEG: MHT, ANNAPOLIS

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